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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – MA&UD Dept. – Tirupathi Municipal Corporation – Allegation against Sri P. Chandramouliswar Reddy, former Deputy Commissioner, O/o.Tirupati Municipal Corporation, Tirupati for assuming a statutory responsibility of ERO without being notified as such by the Election Commission of India - Placed under suspension – Orders – Issued.

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MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (Vig.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.154 **Date.09.02.2024**

Read the following:-

1. From the CEO, AP Letter No.1733/Elecs.B/A1/2023-7, dt.02.01.2024.
2. From CEO, AP, Memo No.1733/Elecs.B/A1/2023-8, dt.05.01.2024.
3. From the Election Commission of India, New Delhi, Letter No.30/AP/SOU3/2023, dt.15.01.2024.
4. From the CEO, AP, Memo No.222/Elecs.B/A1/2024-3, dt.18.01.2024.
5. E-Mail from Election Commission of India, dt.01.02.2024.
6. e-file C.No.2345917 received from General Admn.(Elecs.B) Department.

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O R D E R:

Whereas it has come to the notice vide references 1st to 6th read above that the approximately 35000 digital EPIC cards of voters belonging to 167-Tirupathi Assembly Constituency were downloaded from the ERONET in respect of electors who were not new and who had not applied for the replacement of EPIC during March-April, 2021.

2. Whereas the Election Commission of India in its communication had directed that officers/staff responsible for such serious omission shall be immediately placed under suspension till pending investigation/enquiry.

3. And whereas, the Chief Electoral Officer, AP has informed that Sri P. Chandramouliswar Reddy, Deputy Commissioner, Tirupati Municipal Corporation was notified as ARO for 23-Tirupati Parliamentary Constituency and RO for 167-Tirupati AC vide the AP Gazette Notification, dt.17.03.2021. The said officer was never notified by the Election Commission as ERO of 167-Tirupati AC. However it appears that Sri P.Chandramouliswar Reddy assumed the duties of ERO and exercised the functions of ERO in contravention of the established procedures. The above individual appears to be one of the responsible officers as his name and phone number figures in the ERO profile as ERO of 167-Tirupati AC during 2021. His role needs to be investigated by the police with reference to such downloads of EPIC without forms and for assuming a statutory responsibility of ERO without him being notified by the ECI as such.

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4. And whereas, the competent authority has decided after careful consideration of the available material and having due regard to the circumstances of the case as per the directions of Election Commission of India and Chief Electoral Officer, AP that the services of Sri P. Chandramouliswar Reddy, the then Deputy Commissioner, Tirupati Municipal Corporation are to be placed under suspension, till pending investigation/enquiry.

5. Now, therefore, in exercise of powers conferred under Rule (8) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules,1991, the services of Sri P. Chandramouliswar Reddy, the then Deputy Commissioner, O/o. Tirupati Municipal Corporation are kept under suspension with immediate effect, pending investigation/enquiry.

6. It is also ordered that during the period of suspension, the above official shall be paid subsistence allowance under FR.53. It is further ordered that during the period this order remains in force, the said official shall not leave the Head Quarters without obtaining the prior permission of the Government.

Y.SRILAKSHMI
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri P. Chandramouliswar Reddy, former Deputy Commissioner, O/o.Tirupati Municipal Corporation through CDMA, A.P., Vaddeswaram.
The Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration, A.P., Vaddeswaram.

Copy to:-
The Secretary, Election Commission of India, New Delhi.
The Chief Election Officer and E.O. Principal Secretary to Government, G.A.(Elections) Dept., AP Secretariat, velagapudi.
The Commissioner, Tirupathi Municipal Corporation.
The MA&UD(A) Department.
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